

## Unit 1 Introduction Focus Questions

**DIRECTIONS:** Use the hints below to help you answer the focus questions. You will find all of the information in the Unit Introduction in your textbook.

1. What impact did Alfred the Great have on the development of England?

*Hint:* What was one way Alfred earned the title “the Great”? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Hint:* What was Alfred’s attitude toward pre-Danish civilization in Britain? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. In what ways did literature keep history alive in Anglo-Saxon and medieval England?

*Hint:* What was the Venerable Bede’s contribution to literature and history? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Hint:* What was *The Anglo-Saxon Chronicles*, and in what language was it written? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Hint:* How did Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales* present a cross-section of medieval society? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Hint:* What role did medieval romances play, especially tales about King Arthur? \_\_\_\_\_

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